(*f*) if so, the name of that person ;

(*g*) whether any action was taken against him ; and

(*h*) if not, why not ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, to a certain extent.

(*c*) to (*h*). These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: With reference to answer to part (*a*) may I know whether there is any quantity of *cerbera odalam* in the Science College laboratory?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : *Cerbera odalam* is a tree. There is no such tree in the Science College.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether there is a poison called *cerbera odalam* extracted from *cerbera odalam* in the Science College ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : There are several chemicals extracted from *cerbera odalam* some of which are of a poisonous character.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether there is this particular poison extracted from *cerbera odalam* in the Science College laboratory ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : As I have already stated there are several substances extracted from *cerbera odalam* some of which are poisonous. I may add that the properties of these substances are not yet well known.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : May I know whether any quantity of 'cerbera odalam' was lost from the Science College in Meenam last?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : No, Sir.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : With reference to answer to part (b) May I know to what extent it is poisonous? In the answer it is said "yes, to a certain extent." May I know whether it is enough to kill a person ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill ; Some of its components are capable of killing a person if taken in sufficient quantity.

Transport Reorganisation Committee.

4. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred by the committee for reorganising the transport system up to end of 30-10-1112 giving also the amounts spent under different heads such as travelling allowances, salary etc.;

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[Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair]

(*b*) whether the committee has submitted any report on the traffic problems of the State, and, if so, will they be pleased to lay it on the table.

(*c*) whether the present Secretary to the above committee has got special qualifications for the post;

(*d*) the salary that is given to the present Secretary and that given to his predecessor in office;

(*e*) whether Government have placed any orders for buses for operating on any route in the State; and

(*f*) whether any regular enquiry concerning the traffic and financial prospects of any particular route in the State was conducted by the Committee or by any officer, and, if so, will they be pleased to lay it on the table?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) No expenditure on T. A. has been incurred; but a sum of Rs 2261-2 12 has been incurred on salaries etc.

(*b*) No. The Committee was formed with the object of submitting proposals for reorganising transport in the State which Government did not consider satisfactory;

(*c*) No. No special qualifications are necessary for the Secretary to the Committee;

(*d*) The present Secretary's salary is Rs. 9-5 His predecessors pay was Rs 250 per mensem: but he only held the post in addition to his own duties pending the appointment of the present Secretary;

(*e*) Yes

(*f*) The Committee's recommendation were made from information supplied by the Traffic Department and other sources.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether any proposal has been received by Government.

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott Yes, Sir

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Will the Government be pleased to place it on the table?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether any amount was given by way of allowance?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the number of buses that have been ordered?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Chassis for 50 buses and 10 lorries have been ordered.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Will the Government be pleased to state the total expense that has been incurred?

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : About Rs. 3 lakhs.

Mr. K. R. Elenkath : With reference to answer to part (*c*) if no special qualifications were found necessary for the Secretary to the Committee, may I know why the service of such a costly officer was intended upon ?

Mr. G. B.E. Truscott : Government considered that he was the best person for the position.

Teaching of Arabic in Colleges.

5. ***Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any provision is made for the teaching of Arabic in the colleges ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : No.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether there are students in the Arts and Science Colleges who have taken Arabic as their optional subject ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know how many, Sir ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : 4 in the Science College and 3 in the Arts College.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know what provision is made for the study of this optional subject?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : Where a particular language which is not taught in the College, is taken as optional, the usual practice for the students is to get exemption from the University and satisfy the authorities that they will make special arrangements for the private study of the subjects. I expect such arrangements must have been made in these cases also.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know what are the conditions to be satisfied for the introduction of Arabic in the Science College ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : There is no special condition.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether provision is made for teaching Sanskrit in the Science College ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill: Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether provision is made for the teaching of French in the Science College

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : Yes, Sir.

Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib : May I know whether the question of appointing a part time officer for teaching Arabic was considered by the authorities ?

Dr. K. L. Moudgill : The question has been generally considered.

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